

THE BRITISH IN RETREAT.

Have Abandoned Spion Kop, Retreating in the Night Time.

Gen. Buller Sends Dispatch to London Which Is Full of Gloom

By Telegraph to Evening News.

London, Jan. 26.—The rejoicing of yesterday over the news from the war field was turned into the deepest apprehension today. The war office this morning posted the following brief dispatch from Gen. Buller, which was dated on Thursday at noon:

"Gen. Warren's garrison, I am sorry to say, I find this morning, had in the night abandoned Spion Kop."

It was the reported taking of Spion Kop that aroused the enthusiastic joy of yesterday and the effect of today's dispatch is to make the situation seem as serious as at any time since the war started. The public is anxiously waiting for the details of the retreat.

MR. PARKS PAYS \$1,000

The Palmer-Parks Case Is Settled Out of Court.

Little Girl Gets \$500, Attorneys \$500.

The case of Minnie Palmer vs. Sylvester Parks will not be retried at the next term or any other term of the circuit court. The case was satisfactorily settled yesterday afternoon and the case has been stricken from the docket.

It will be remembered that little Minnie Palmer accused Mr. Parks of taking improper liberties with her and a \$5,000 damage suit was started. The jury rendered a verdict of \$3,000. This amount the attorneys of Mr. Parks thought was excessive and they succeeded in having the court grant a new trial. The new trial was granted on the unusual condition that Mr. Parks should pay his attorneys \$150 in addition to the fee he had already paid and that he should also pay court costs amounting to \$50. The case will cost Mr. Parks in all about \$1,500.

Yesterday afternoon Hammond & Hammond and Thomas O'Hara, representing the little girl, and Attorney H. W. Davis and Gore & Harvey, representing Mr. Parks, held a consultation which ended in Mr. Parks paying \$3,000 and all further proceedings were quashed.

Of the \$1,000 the little girl will receive half and the attorneys in the case representing her will receive the other half.

A NEW FACTORY.

Village of Berrien Springs Secures a Plant.

The village of Berrien Springs is rejoicing because they are going to have a new factory in their midst which will employ 30 men the year around. For some time past the E. W. Mariani manufacturing company of Nantawance, Ind., have been looking for a suitable location to start a heading, stave and box factory, and out of many places they yesterday closed a contract with the Berrien Springs board of trade to locate in that village.

The company will also move their machine shops to Berrien Springs and will start the work of erecting their buildings at once.

There is certainly a future for Berrien Springs.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Kosa Smock of Niles has commenced divorce proceedings against her husband William Smock. She charges him with desertion and non-support.

Court will convene again next Monday morning.

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Report for the Six Months Ended January.

The Benton Harbor Young Men's Christian association has issued a report compiled by Secretary Burrucker covering the last half of the year 1899. The report shows that the following amount of work was done during that period:

46 educational classes held with a total attendance of 159; 13 gymnasium classes, total attendance, 168; 19 Bible classes, total attendance, 136; 20 meetings for men, total attendance, 347; visitors to rooms, 6610; average attendance per day for 6 months, 43; baths taken, 920; 4 socials and receptions, 435; 4 lectures and entertainments, 2850; directed to boarding houses, 6; letters of introduction, 4; otherwise assisted, 2.

Following is the statement of the financial condition of the association:

RECEIVED.
Subscriptions.....\$451 11
Memberships.....293 50
Other sources.....103 50

\$758 11

PAID OUT.
Salaries.....\$345 25
Improvements and repairs.....49 27
Printing and supplies.....49 20
Rent.....114 00
Insurance.....16 00
Periodicals.....17 50
Incidentals.....41 61
Paid on indebtedness.....124 49

\$757 32

Balance, Dec. 31, 1899,....79

\$758 11

IMPROPER FERTILIZATION.

Said to be the Cause of Failure of Peach Farms in Michigan.

At a meeting of the Farmers' institute at Bainbridge, Berrien county, J. N. Stearns, of Kalamazoo, is reported as saying that his forty acre fruit farm at South Haven had last year yielded in fruit alone \$3,000, and valuing the farm at \$10,000, the year's crop had netted its owner thirty per cent. Mr. Stearns, who is sent by the state board to conduct these meetings, said the cause of the failure of nearly every peach farm in southwestern Michigan was due partially to want of proper fertilizing, but more directly to mistakes in planting the orchard on soil not adapted for peaches in extreme cold weather. The speaker said peach trees on good soil, with proper attention, would stand any cold record ever known within the distance of six miles of the lake.

The Old Hickory Gad.

Mrs. Spratt—Why, John, you are actually caressing that hickory stick.

Spratt—Yes; it's one my father had when I was a little boy.

Mrs. Spratt—Well, I suppose it is hard to break old associations.

Spratt—Yes, indeed; father never could bring himself to do it. It was mainly through his efforts that we became so attached to each other.—Cleveland Leader.

A Natural Deduction.

Guide (referring to Egyptian pyramids)—It took hundreds of years to build them.

O'Brien (the wealthy contractor)—Thin it was a goverment job, eh?—Brooklyn Life.

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THE WEATHER.

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A Telephone Message to the Farwell Men.

They Came Back Here This Morning.

And Inspected Court-right Factory.

Victor Roberts and H. J. Campbell, the gentlemen out finding a location for the Farwell overalls factory, were called back to Benton Harbor by a telephone message by an agent who is interested in the sale of the Court-right factory.

The gentlemen came in from Niles and inspected the Court-right building and they found it just to their liking. They visited Mr. Morton and asked if the citizens would not donate that factory and Mr. Morton informed him that he did not believe that the people could raise \$15,000 with which to purchase the property. The gentlemen left for Chicago and left the word that they did not believe that the factory could be secured for the \$15,000 offered—\$8,700.

The gentlemen, however, made the suggestion that the city give the \$8,700 to the company toward the purchase of the Court-right factory and if the Farwells should make this proposition it is likely that the people would meet the conditions.

Knew the Tricks of the Trade.

Tramp—Kin yer give me a cold nite, leddy?

Housewife—Let me see. You were all through the Cuban war, wasn't you? When a boy you fell and injured your spine, didn't you? You are trying to get to a certain place where steady employment is awaiting you, aren't you? You haven't had a square meal for three days, have you, and the cake I am baking smelled so good to you, didn't it? You tried the lady next door and she said all she could give you was a little advice, and that was that you should come here, because my bread was something awful, didn't she? You've got a wife and seven children to support, haven't you? You—

But the tramp had fainted. He knew he couldn't offer anything new.—Indianapolis Sun.

Breaking It Gently.

The doctor came into the room rubbing his hands and smiling.

"Everything all right?" asked the man who was anxiously waiting for him.

"Couldn't be better," returned the doctor.

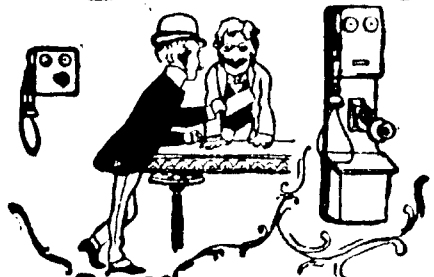
"Thank you," said the man, with a slight relief. Then, when he saw that the doctor intended to say nothing more, he asked, with a smile, "What's my boy or girl?"

The doctor stopped rubbing his hands and looked at a table, as if the task before him were not just to his liking.

"Well," he said, at last, "you'll need a tandem bicycle for it."—Stray Stories.

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BRAVE LEADER DIES.

Gen. Woodgate Succumbs to Wounds
Received at Spion Kop.

FALL OF FAMOUS BOER STRONGHOLD.

The News Creates a Better Feeling in England—Much Hard Fighting Must Be Done to Reach Ladysmith.

London, Jan. 26.—Advices have been received from Spearman's Camp that Gen. Woodgate has succumbed to the wounds he received in the attack upon Spion kop.

No Further News.

London, Jan. 26, 3 a. m.—At three o'clock this morning we know as much as we did at ten o'clock yesterday morning, nothing more. Gen. Buller's dispatch announcing the taking of Spion kop is the only intelligence which has reached London, and that is so brief that we have little detail of what has happened. Gen. Warren not only succeeded in capturing the position, but is holding it in spite of strenuous efforts on the part of the Boers to dislodge him. These efforts, it is apparent, must be backed by a murderous shell fire. If Spion kop is situated as indicated, at the point where two ridges unite, running northeast to Dewdrop and northwest to Acton Homes, its occupation by British troops must have cut the advanced Boer position in two.

Better Feeling in England.

London, Jan. 26.—Gen. Buller's phrase "the men are splendid" thrills England with pride and confidence.

SPION KOP, NATAL.



Strongly Fortified Hill, on the Tugela River, Just Taken by the British Under Gen. Warren.

His taking and holding Spion kop are considered permanent advantages. Sir Charles Warren's opinion that miles of the adjacent Boer entrenchments are untenable is accepted by most expert observers as obviously true, because of the height of the position, although some point out that it may lack adequate gun platform to resist artillery fire from the two extended sides.

It is not likely that Gen. Warren will let go anything he holds, and news of further success is calmly awaited. The military authorities recognize, of course, that in the 12 or 15 miles between Spion kop and Ladysmith there are continuous defensive positions and rugged hills and ravines which far out-range Spion kop, but they are sure that the troops who have turned the Boers out of difficult places can do it again. The military expert of the Times says:

"It is exceedingly difficult to arrive at any exact estimate of the advantage gained. A definite tactical object has been attained, and definite steps have been taken in the fulfillment of the strategic plan. It is necessary to await fuller information before attaching undue weight to the successes thus far attained. At least there has been steady progress."

From Ladysmith.

Ladysmith, Sunday, January 21 (by Runner via Prere Camp, Wednesday January 24).—The garrison is watching Gen. Buller's guns shelling the Boers. Their fire can be seen at this distance and appears to be very effective. The movements of the Boers show that they are evidently determined to stubbornly oppose the advance of the relief column. They show no signs of removing their guns, and have mounted new ones and are continually strengthening their fortifications. Our fortifications have been greatly strengthened since January 6, and Ladysmith is now practically impregnable.

Owing to the dry weather the fever has diminished, and the number of convalescents returning from Intombi camp exceeds that of the patients being sent there. The supplies are running out splendidly, all the troops having sufficient wholesome food. The heat is terrific, the thermometer registering 107 degree in the shade.

Has No Letter from Kruger.

Paris, Jan. 26.—The Patria asserted that Charles E. Macrum, former United States consul at Pretoria, had visited the foreign office with Dr. Leyds, "in order to fulfill a mission entrusted to him by President Kruger." The foreign office declared the story a "fake," and Dr. Leyds, in an interview, says there is not a word of truth in the statement, that he has not seen Mr. Macrum, and that he is able to affirm publicly that Mr. Macrum is not the bearer of any letter from President Kruger.

To Pay the Soldiers.

San Francisco, Jan. 26.—The transport Pennsylvania sailed Thursday for Manila. She carries \$1,500,000 in gold coin and a considerable sum in treasury notes for the payment of the soldiers.

COLLIDED IN A FOG.

Trains on a Southern Railway Come Together—Many Persons Hurt—One May Die.

Waycross, Ga., Jan. 26.—In a dense fog Thursday morning a special train of the Plant system, having on board about 100 retail lumber dealers from Indiana, who were en route home from an excursion through South Georgia and Florida, and a freight train crashed together head-on in the yards here. Mr. Davis, a hardware dealer, of Wabash, Ind., was caught as two cars telescoped and both legs were crushed. They will probably be amputated. He may die. Mrs. Smith, who held a baby in her arms, suffered severe injuries to one leg. The child was unhurt. Thirteen other passengers were more or less seriously bruised.

CHINA'S NEW RULER.

Emperor, Forced to Retire, Appoints Son of Piu Tuano—Said to Have Committed Suicide.

London, Jan. 26.—According to a special dispatch from Shanghai, it is reported there that Emperor Kwangsu has committed suicide.

Peking, Jan. 26.—The imperial edict issued Wednesday says that, owing to the emperor's poor health, he is unable to conduct the business of state, and appoints Pu Chun, son of Prince Tuano, his heir. The emperor, apparently, has been compelled by the dowager to abdicate.

Peking, Jan. 26.—The emperor has signed and the palace authorities have promulgated a long edict naming a successor to his majesty. The ratification of the selection by the empress dowager and her counselors was accomplished amid great excitement.

SPION KOP, NATAL.



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The empress called in for consultation the princes of the blood, the cabinet ministers and the presidents of the high administrative boards, who were thunderstruck by the announcement.

The edict declares all the world knows that when Kuang-Hsu was appointed successor to Emperor Tung Chi it was in the expectation that he would raise up heirs to that monarch. "Now," says the emperor, "because of ill health I am childless, and have found it necessary to appoint a successor. Most reluctantly, and after much solicitation on my part, the empress dowager has acceded to my request."

The youth who is named as his successor, is the 14-year-old son of Prince Tuan Tsai, who is under the instruction and influence of two intensely anti-foreign tutors. The edict is altogether out of accord with the facts, as all the world knows.

Explosion Kills Three.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 26.—A federal explosion of dynamite occurred in the yards of the Jersey Central railroad at Ashley, a suburb of this city, at nine o'clock Thursday night, killing three men and injuring five others. The disaster was caused by a collision of two trains, in one of which was a car containing 30 boxes of dynamite, which exploded. Everything that stood near was knocked to pieces. Ten locomotives were wrecked. The stacks of the roundhouse and a large portion of the roof were blown away. An immense tank containing thousands of gallons of water was torn to pieces. Nearly every window in the town was broken.

Below Zero.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 26.—The mercury dropped from 28 above Wednesday afternoon to 4 below early Thursday and a gale of wind emphasized the cold wave. Subzero temperatures were quite numerous over the northwest Thursday morning. Minnesota led with 28 below, followed by Prince Albert, 18; Winnipeg, 16; and Port Arthur, 10. A continuation of the cold is, therefore, considered probable.

Blizzard Raging.

Marquette, Mich., Jan. 26.—A blizzard has been raging here with increasing violence. Nearly a foot of snow has fallen. The storm is reported to be general all over upper Michigan. The snow is a blessing to lumbermen, who were on the point of breaking up camps on account of the extended thaw.

To Lie in State at Indianapolis.
Washington, Jan. 26.—Secretary Root telegraphed Gen. Shafter at San Francisco to amend the itinerary arranged by him, so as to permit the remains to lie in state on their way east for one day at Indianapolis, and one day at Fort Wayne, Ind.

Will Visit Berlin.

Berlin, Jan. 26.—The shah of Persia, Mouzaffer-Ed-Din, with his eldest son, Prince Mohammed Ali Mirza, intends to visit Berlin next April.



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BENTON HARBOR, MICH., FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1900.

TWO CENTS.

CITY WATER PLANT

Annual Report of the Clerk of the Board.

The Clerk Strongly Recommends Use of Meters.

To the Board of Public Works of the City of Benton Harbor, Mich. Gentlemen: I herewith submit my fourth annual report covering the business of the city water department for the year 1899:

EARNINGS.

From flat rate consumers.....	5689 76
From meter rate consumers.....	1635 88
From street sprinkling.....	100 00
From sewer flushing (estimated).....	20 00
From fire hydrants.....	2875 00
From public drinking fountains (estimated).....	150 00
From public watering troughs (estimated).....	200 00
From city hall (estimated).....	30 00
From hose houses (estimated).....	20 00
From permits to tap mains.....	565 35
From plumbers' licenses.....	20 00
From material sold.....	19 90
From fines for violation of rules.....	7 00

\$11332 89

EXPENDITURES.

Pipe system—	
Paid for iron pipe.....	296 74
Paid for lead pipe.....	312 72
Paid for fire hydrants.....	61 43
Paid for sundry supplies.....	278 74
Paid for labor.....	91 98
Paid for freight.....	9 20

\$ 1050 81

Meter system—	
Paid for water meters.....	277 74
Paid for meter repairs.....	24 61

\$ 302 35

Pumping station—	
Paid salary of engineers.....	1080 00
Paid fuel oil.....	1378 81
Paid coal.....	19 40
Paid lubricating oil and boiler compound.....	59 40
Paid repairs.....	57 83
Paid general supplies.....	142 72
Paid labor.....	4 88
Paid gas lighting.....	65 30
Paid insurance.....	45 00

\$ 2853 34

Office account—	
Paid for stationery, books, postage, express, telegrams.....	104 04
Paid for advertising.....	13 13
Paid clerk.....	120 00

\$ 237 17

Other operating expenses—	
Paid salary city tapper.....	446 75
Paid extra labor.....	141 77
Paid supplies and repairs.....	179 39
Paid painting stand pipe.....	50 00
Paid freight.....	7 85
Paid rebates on water rent.....	4 17
Paid J. McDonald, damage to lumber.....	10 00

\$ 839 93

Paid interest and commissions on bonds.....	5554 33
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GENERAL SUMMARY.

Earnings from all sources.....	\$11,332 89
Expenditures—	
Pipe system.....	1050 81
Meter system.....	302 35
Pumping station.....	2853 34
Office account.....	237 17
Other operating expenses.....	839 93
Bond account.....	55 1 43
Balance.....	494 96

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Cash in water fund Jan. 1, 1899.....	\$ 675 41
Received from all sources in 1899.....	10,768 67
Due from interest and sinking fund.....	420 00
Due from Sun Oil Co on freight.....	39 26
Due from water takers.....	241 46

\$12,114 80

Outstanding orders Jan. 1, 1899.....	\$ 86 78
Orders issued during year.....	10,837 93

\$ 1220 09

Cash in water fund Dec. 31, 1899.....	\$ 519 37
Outstanding accts.....	709 72

\$ 1220 09

The estimate of water furnished for which no revenue is received is as follows:

For sewer flushing.....	\$ 20 00
For public drinking fountains.....	150 00
For public watering troughs.....	200 00
For city hall.....	30 00
For hose houses.....	20 00

\$420 00

Following is the record of water pumped and fuel oil used during the year:

Month.	Total amount of fuel oil used each month (gals.)	Average number of days each month	Total amount of fuel oil used each 24 hours	Total number of pumps running each month	Average number of pumps running each 24 hours
January.....	3,500	122	8,088,835	290,330	2,380
February.....	3,355	129	9,164,090	127,319	2,380
March.....	3,410	111	7,598,675	228,959	2,380
April.....	3,210	107	6,904,125	231,115	2,380
May.....	3,475	118	8,129,000	255,554	2,380
June.....	4,065	155	12,191,235	463,574	2,380
July.....	4,965	157	12,430,822	491,284	2,380
August.....	4,755	150	13,957,550	470,243	2,380
September.....	4,300	143	10,559,775	311,192	2,380
October.....	3,715	119	7,143,225	239,143	2,380
November.....	3,525	117	6,131,552	201,385	2,380
December.....	3,725	120	5,850,400	188,396	2,380
Total.....	47,290		108,373,449		

In the month of February 5 tons of coal was used for four days running. Water meters in use Dec. 31, 1899,

as follows:
3-inch meters.....16
4-inch meters.....38
1-inch meters.....8
1 1/2-inch meters.....1

Total, 63

The following extensions to water mains were made during the year:

250 feet of 4-inch pipe on Lake avenue.

560 feet of 4-inch pipe on Cherry street.

250 feet of 4-inch pipe on Morton avenue.

400 feet of 2-inch pipe on Morton avenue.

One fire hydrant was placed at the corner of Cherry and Cedar streets and blow off valve at east end of Cherry street.

There are now 94,870 feet of water mains in the city, size 2 to 10 inches, making practically 18 miles of pipe.

Seventy-four taps were made during the year, four of which are metered.

There are now 933 taps in use and 15 taps not connected with fixtures and consequently not in use.

The entire cost of the water plant up to Dec. 31, 1899, as shown by the records, was \$93,573.21.

During the year 19 leaks occurred in service pipes and fixtures, many of them being caused by the hard freeze in February. Only one leak in the water mains proper was found during the year.

Water was turned off at eight places for violation of the rules, and at thirty-six places for non-payment of rental.

All the parties promptly paid their bills after water was closed off and the supply was restored to them.

After another year's experience with meters I am more than ever convinced that the only fair way to sell water is by meter measurement, and that a meter is the only thing that will effectually stop the waste of water in buildings supplied through the ordinary kinds of fixtures. As an example, we may point to the leading and largest business block of this city. Previous to January 1, 1899, this block was furnished with water at a flat rate amounting to about \$185.00 per year all told.

January 1, 1899, a meter was put on and the first month's reading revealed the startling fact that over 500,000 gallons of water had been supplied to the block in thirty days, at an estimated expense to the city of over \$45.00, or taking this as an average the expense to the city of supplying this block for a year would be over \$500.00. The result of this test was that the proprietor installed his own private water plant and has since used but a small amount of city water. Without a doubt one-half of the water pumped into that block was wasted through closets, etc., and while the city has lost about \$150.00 of water rentals by reason of the owner putting in a private water system, we have saved over 5,000,000 gallons of water in the year from which to supply new consumers who pay for what they get, and have also made a corresponding saving in the cost of operating the plant.

How to prevent undue waste is one of the greatest problems that confront the managers of water departments and demands close and careful attention. Under proper restrictions I believe our present system is sufficient to supply a city almost twice as large as ours with all the water needed for every legitimate purpose.

It is perhaps a fair estimate to say that during the past year our system supplied daily 5,000 persons with water. During the month of April little or no water was used except for ordinary purposes, and taking that month for a basis we find that the average daily consumption of water per capita was over 46 gallons. It goes without saying that more than half of this water was wasted. However, this is a much better showing than was made before there was any attempt to restrict waste, and no doubt there is room for further improvement along this line.

Respectfully submitted,

R. P. CHADDOCK,
Clerk of the Water Department.

PAW PAW AND LAWRENCE.

Van Buren County Villages Organize to Grow.

Lawrence, Jan. 26.—A local board of trade and improvement association will be formed here. Lawrence is now enjoying a greater degree of prosperity and sound, healthy growth than the village has seen before for many years.

The old conservative business men have been almost wholly replaced by a lot of hustling young men who are resolved to "push things."

Paw Paw, Jan. 26.—The organization of the Paw Paw board of trade has been perfected with a membership of fifty, which is expected to be largely increased. The sum of \$4,000 of stock was taken, and this will, no doubt, be raised to \$10,000 or more. This money is to be used in locating manufacturing enterprises in the town and in such other ways as the board may deem to be for the best interests of the place.

Nine of the leading citizens were chosen as a board of trustees, and they elected the following officers: President, T. J. Cavanaugh; vice-presidents, G. M. Harrison and M. O. Rowland; secretary, H. L. McNeil; treasurer, W. H. Longwell.

"He Mistakes the Effect for the Cause." This is what the person does who tries to cure rheumatism or any other disease by alleviating the symptoms. Hood's Sarsaparilla removes the cause and permanently cures.

Hood's Pills do not grip. All druggists.

Special Notice

We have arranged with our New York correspondents to resume dealings in 20 shares of stock and up as heretofore. E. W. MOORE & CO., Stock Brokers.

QUACK DOCTORS.

Attorney General Oren Makes Stiff Ruling.

Lansing, Jan. 26.—The state board of registration in medicine is here wrestling with the important question of standards and colleges which are to be the basis of their action on the 3,000 applications for licenses now on file, and those yet to be made.

Attorney General Oren gave the board an exhaustive opinion as to the construction to be given the new law in this regard. The opinion dealt with a score of different classes of applicants, each class being on a different footing as regards years of practice, standing of college from which graduated, former registration, etc.

The opinion will take a firm stand against the licensing of so-called graduates of colleges which do not require attendance, such as the Independent Medical college of Chicago, etc. Even though these graduates succeeded in being registered under the old law, it will avail them nothing now, as the attorney general declares it is not the policy of the law to protect fraud, no matter in what guise it presents itself.

FIVE-CENT LEAD PENCIL

Cause of a Suit Between Prominent South Havenites.

South Haven, Jan. 26.—A five-cent lead pencil is the bone of contention in a suit between Horace Blood and Dr. George Dunn of this city, to be tried January 30. Mr. Blood had a pencil which was a keep sake and he was showing it in the presence of Dr. Dunn and others. Dr. Dunn in a joking manner took the pencil and put it in his pocket and said he guessed he would keep it. He did not return it and the suit was begun.

Made Young Again.

"One of Dr. King's New Life Pills each night for two weeks has put me in my 'teens' again" writes D. H. Turner of Dempseytown, Pa. They're the best in the world for Liver, Stomach and Bowels. Purely vegetable. Never gripe. Only 25c at Lowe & Witherspoon's drug store.

MICHIGAN.

The farmers and citizens about Marine City have subscribed \$170,000 toward a sugar beet factory.

Ann Arbor people had about \$50,000 stock in the New state telephone company which has just been swallowed up in the Bell monopoly.

Niles Star: It will be a matter of from six months to a year before another dividend is declared in the case of the Citizens' National bank. None of the bank's real estate has yet been disposed of and many securities will not mature for a long period.

Governor Pingree has appointed a new military board consisting of the following: Quartermaster general, O'Brien Atkinson, of Detroit; assistant quartermaster general, Ford Starring, of Detroit; inspector general, Lieut. Fred W. Green, of Ypsilanti.

In discussing the subject of trusts at Lansing Chief Justice Montgomery, of the supreme bench, denounced those formed for the purpose of enhancing prices as outlaws. He believes the best way to regulate trusts would be to confer the power upon congress by a constitutional amendment.

Reports to the state board of health show that rheumatism, bronchitis, influenza, neuralgia and tonsillitis in the order named, caused the most sickness in Michigan during the past week. Smallpox was reported in one place, cerebro-spinal meningitis at one, whooping cough at 32, diphtheria at 12, typhoid fever at 53, scarlet fever at 109, measles at 105 and consumption at 184.

Cassopolis Democrat: Michigan is rivaling California for flowers in winter. Wednesday we received a box from Mrs. Mary J. Blakesly of Jones, containing a fine bouquet of fresh pansy blossoms which she writes were picked from E. C. Morton's door yard, where they grew in open ground without any protection. Mrs. Joseph Graham, of this village, has morning glories in full bloom on vines growing out doors. Still we do not claim to be in the banana belt.

Mrs. Zoltha Jones, living at the village of Pokagon, died Tuesday, aged 76 years. She bore the distinction of being the oldest pioneer and the first white child born in Cass county. She was the daughter of Uzziel Putnam, who moved with his family to Cass county in the year 1825. Mrs. Jones lived within a few rods of the spot where she died every year she was one year of age, and lived in the house she died in for the past 42 years.

Michigan pensions were granted Wednesday as follows: Additional—Thos. Woods, Hoppertown, \$10 to \$12; Restoration and increase—James Frisbins (dead), Pontiac, \$10 to \$12; Jas. F. Cook, Flint, \$4 to \$17. Restoration and reissue—Milton Shook (dead), St. Louis, \$20. Renewal—James E. Ireland, Grand Rapids, \$6 to \$8; Ambrose F. Spencer, Banerott, \$16 to \$17; Godfrey Kalt, Leroy, \$6 to \$10; Sydney R. Smith, Holton, \$10 to \$17; Samuel L. Grovo, Mikado, \$6 to \$8; John L. Keport, Three Rivers, \$6 to \$8; John Edward Ebert, Niles, \$17 to \$24; Frank Connor, Muir, \$16 to \$24; Abel D. Livermore, Charlotte, \$17 to \$24; Samuel G. Lane, Detroit, \$6 to \$8; John Goldsmith, Neaukataka, \$12 to \$17. Widows—Emma Robbins, Pontiac, \$8; Mary C. Pierce, Bath, \$12; Mary A. Bouse, Ypsilanti, \$8; Philena Guernsey, Ionia, \$8.

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FRIDAY, JAN. 26, 1900.

CITY WATER DEPARTMENT.
The clerk of the board of public works in his annual report, published today, advocates the universal use of meters to measure the water used by each consumer.

This is the only business-like way to conduct the water department. The clerk figures that during the month of last April—a month when there is no water used for lawns and very little used at public watering troughs, that the daily consumption of water per capita among the people using city water was 46 gallons. This is over a barrel a day for each person. The clerk quite rightly figures that the present wells would supply twice the number of present consumers if there was no waste.

Under the flat rate system it is a wonder that the water system can make the showing of any profit. However, it paid a profit of \$500 last year above all expenses.

THE RELIGIOUS DAILY.

Rev. Charles M. Sheldon and the Topeka Capital, the paper that is to run for a week as Jesus would run it, are receiving all kinds of free advertising. A New York paper denounces the scheme and the schemer as follows:

After he gets through he will know more but will be less conceited. Presumably, says Mr. Sheldon, the Saviour, if he edited a newspaper, would not let the slightest inaccuracy or statement enter its columns. He would, according to Mr. Sheldon, cut out every advertisement which, for example, offered goods "below cost" and at "half-price," since such assertions are usually not entirely true. Every advertisement and every news item would have to be investigated with a thoroughness which would require the employment of so many additional reporters that the paper would be bankrupted by the payroll. Otherwise, it would be impossible to go to press with today's paper until some time next spring. The average editor today has good intentions, and does the best he can with the means at hand. These good intentions and efforts are all that can be expected of an imperfect man, and the editors of this country can learn nothing of value from Sheldon. If he wants to imitate Jesus, let him preach without a salary, possess but one suit of clothes and confine his speech to "Yea, yea, nay, nay;" since his present prolixity "cometh of evil." If he would remove one or two carloads of beams from his own eyes, he would be more competent to extricate the motes from editorial optics.

The British army has reached Spion Kop, a position which may not be as valuable as at first reported. The place was only guarded by a small Boer garrison. With all the victories which have been reported at London during the last ten days the British army still seems to be a long distance from Ladysmith. Several days ago it was reported that the relief army was in sight of Ladysmith. The slow progress is what is worrying England.

If Benton Harbor can run the water works at a profit, after paying interest on more than the value of the plant and allowing consumers to waste as much water as they use and pay for, then no one ought to object to having a municipal lighting plant.

Assets More Than Ample.
Boston, Jan. 26.—Heman W. Chaplin, assignee of John P. Squire & Co., has issued a statement in which it is asserted that this corporation, with all the concerns involved with it, is found to have assets, taken as a whole, of \$6,000,000 or about \$1,000,000 more than its liabilities.

Our Soldier Dead.
San Francisco, Jan. 26.—The bodies of 156 soldiers who died in the Philippines were removed from the City of Pekin Thursday and taken to the Presidio, where they will be held pending a decision as to their final disposition.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Jud. Rice challenges any attorney of the twin cities to compete with him in framing legal documents.

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Pennsylvania Democratic Committee
Announces Him as Its Choice
for the Presidency.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 26.—The state democratic committee set the pace for the democracy of the other states Thursday by making Col. William J. Bryan its choice for the presidency in 1900. This is probably the first time in the party's history that the democrats of Pennsylvania have indicated their choice for president in advance of the state convention. There was a large attendance of democrats from over the state to meet Col. Bryan and hear him discuss the issues on which the coming campaign will be waged.

In his address at the meeting referred to Mr. Bryan said, among other things: "People ask why I don't drop the money question. It would have no effect on the money question if I did drop it. It is in the keeping of no man, and it would not make any difference whether I adhere to it or disregard it. But if you will ask me why I do not drop it, I will tell you that I am not willing that a handful of English bankers shall control 70,000,000 of American people. But you will hear people say that new conditions have arisen that now make the gold standard palatable. Isn't it strange that men who have labored to fasten the gold standard on this country for 30 years should now be defending their position by arguments that have arisen since the election?"

Col. Bryan said that the republican party seeks to fasten upon this country a perpetual and ever-increasing debt in order that the banks may control the volume of the people's money. "When a man tells you now that more gold means more money and that more money means better times, you tell him that he has admitted the quantitative theory of money, and that is what we contended for in 1896. We wanted more gold and we wanted more silver, too. If we had had him tell us we should have had all the advantages that has come from an increased production of gold. And, in addition to this, we should have had the advantage of silver being used as standard money along with gold."

On the question of trusts, Mr. Bryan said that he believed that congress has the power and ought to exercise it, to say that his corporation, organized in any state, shall do business outside of that state until it secures permission from congress or some body created by it, and that permission can be granted only when the corporation shows that there is no water in its stock and that it is not attempting to monopolize any branch of business or the production of any article of merchandise.

On the Philippine question, he said: "Let us tell the Filipinos, that, having driven the Spaniards out, they are to stand up and be free, and then say to the world: 'Hands off, and let that republic work out its destiny.'"

Old People Made Young.
J. C. Sherman, the veteran editor of the Vermontville (Mich.) Echo, has discovered the remarkable secret of keeping old people young. For years he has avoided Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Indigestion, Heart trouble, Constipation and Rheumatism, by using Electric Bitters and he writes: "It can't be praised too highly. It gently stimulates the kidneys, tones the stomach, aids digestion, and gives a splendid appetite. It has worked wonders for my wife and me. It's a marvellous remedy for old people's complaints." Only 50c at Lowe & Witherspoon's drug store.

Grain, Provisions, Etc.

Chicago, Jan. 26.

FLOUR—Moderate trade and firmer undertone.

WHEAT—Unsettled. May, 66½¢@67½¢; July, 67½¢@68½¢.

CORN—Steady. Cash quoted at 31½¢; May sold at 32½¢@33½¢ and 33½¢; July at 33½¢@34½¢ and 33½¢.

OATS—Easy. May, 23½¢@24½¢.

RYE—Steady with no change. No. 2 cash 50¢ and No. 3 quotable at 49¢. No. 4 about 48¢. May was 52½¢ bid.

MESS PORK—Offerings were fair and demand moderately active. Prices quotable at \$10.37½@10.47½ for regular, and \$9.10@9.20 for old, \$10.37½@10.47½ for January, and \$10.00@10.70 for May.

LARD—Demand quite fair, and offerings not very large. Prices quotable at \$5.75@5.80 for regular, \$5.67½@5.72½ for old, \$5.75@5.80 for January and \$5.90@5.95 for May.

SHORT RIB SIDES—Offerings not very large, and demand fairly active. Prices quotable at \$5.52½@5.57½ for cash, according to age, \$5.00@5.65 for January, and \$5.67½@5.72½ for May.

POTATOES—Market steady. Trade slow. Rose, 45¢@50¢; Burbanks, Peerless and Kings, 42¢@45¢; Hebrons, 41¢@44¢; mixed, 38¢@42¢.

EGGS—Feeling easy. Loss off, cases returned, strictly fresh eggs, 15¢; held fresh eggs, quotable at 14¢@16¢; at mark, cases returned, 12¢@14¢, according to quality.

BUTTER—Quotably steady. Market quiet. Creameries, extra, 24¢ per pound; firsts, 22¢@23¢; seconds, 19¢@20¢; dairies, 17½¢@22¢; imitation creameries, 18¢@20¢.

LIVE POULTRY—Market quiet. Prices unchanged. Turkeys, 50¢@55¢; Chickens, 7½¢@8¢; Ducks, 8¢@9¢ per pound; Geese, \$3.00@3.50.

New York, Jan. 25.

FLOUR—Quieter, but none the less firmly held, as western mills claim continued high cost of production.

WHEAT—Spot firm. No. 2 red, 75¢@76¢; No. 2 white, 74¢@75¢; No. 3 red, 73¢@74¢; No. 3 white, 72¢@73¢; May, 73¢@74¢; July, 74¢@75¢; August, 75¢@76¢.

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Thirty-Eight Deaths Are Reported
City Said to Be Panic-Stricken.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 26.—A special to the Times from Victoria, B. C., says: The steamer Miowera, just arrived, has news of 38 deaths at Honolulu from the plague, one a white woman of good class. The city is panic-stricken. An armed mob prevents the landing of steamers at Hilo. Cooper, of the board of health of Honolulu, had ten blocks burned. Dr. Carmichael has been ordered to Manila. Thirty four hundred Japanese at Honolulu are in quarantine.

Brought to Suez.

Suez, Jan. 26.—Osman Digna, the principal general of the late Khalifa Abdullah, who was recently taken prisoner by the British, has been brought here.

Diamonds Stolen.

Philadelphia, Jan. 26.—Diamonds valued at \$6,000 were stolen from the safe in the office of Joseph K. Davison & Son, manufacturing jewelers.

Thin Babies

often develop into weak, delicate, backward children; undersized, nervous, feeble, adults. Lack of nourishment is the cause.

Scott's Emulsion is the remedy. A little of it three or four times a day will do wonders. The pinched, sad faces become round and rosy; the wasted limbs plump and firm. If your baby is not doing well, try this great food-medicine.

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At a meeting of the white cedar shingle manufacturers of Michigan and Wisconsin, held at Marquette on the 13th of this month, they advanced the prices on all grades of white cedar shingles 10 cts per M. and in all probability there will be another advance. I have a million and a half of all grades of cedar shingles that I will sell at the old price for the next 60 days. Remember I keep a full line of paints also, building material, sash and doors.

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Notice.

All persons indebted to the Benton Harbor Livery Works are requested to settle at once, as all bills not paid within 30 days will be put into a collector's hands. 976 A. F. SCHOLZ.

New Real Estate Agency.

The West Michigan Real Estate agency, room 8, Bowman block, is now prepared to handle all kinds of real estate. Parties wishing to buy, sell or exchange will do well to call and examine a large list of property now on hand for sale and exchange. Some especially good bargains. Remember the place, room 8, Bowman block. 95712

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Dr. S. M. White, dentist

Mrs. R. Churchill, Berlin, Vt., says, "Our baby was covered with running sores. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured her." A specific for piles and skin diseases. Beware of worthless counterfeits. Geo. M. Bell & Co.

Dr. J. A. Jarvis will be located at room 5, the Jones & Sonner block on or after January 1, 1900.

Old papers for sale at this office.

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LOCAL BREVITIES

MILLER & McCord have just placed a five-ton scale at their stock yards.

J. E. RICE went to Grand Rapids today to purchase a stock of moulding for his store.

WORK on the new Bell opera house and the new Mills block was suspended today on account of the weather.

MRS. M. E. Goodrich has sold her cottage on the corner of Jefferson and Summit streets to A. T. Patterson.

GEORGE Babcock who has been quite ill all winter, but who for the past few weeks has been improving, is again very low.

W. E. KENNEDY, the jeweler, now spends every Thursday at Eau Claire and is working up quite a trade in the way of repairing.

G. M. BAITINGER, the new undertaker, contemplates opening up an art and picture frame store in this city in connection with the undertaking business.

BUTZLICH & Schaus will have a special nut sale tomorrow. They are preparing to move into the one store instead of the two which they occupied during the summer.

REV. A. K. Beem, the new pastor of the Universalist church has decided to become a permanent resident of Benton Harbor. Yesterday he bought of Frank P. Pratt the house and lot at 111 Pleasant street.

THE St. Joseph Press says the John V. Farwell company is flirting with Benton Harbor. It must be remembered that Benton Harbor is only a short distance from the Lake Front Park in St. Joseph and has had good training in the art of flirting.

TUESDAY evening, February 5, the Congregational Y. P. S. C. E. will give a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Alger, 133 Colby avenue. Just what kind of a social this will be will be announced later. Please keep that date open, for a pleasant time is assured.

Dancing Assembly Tonight.

After the dancing class of Mrs. Vincent at Conkey's hall tonight, from 9 to 12 o'clock will be held a dancing assembly. Prof. Fred Null's orchestra will furnish the music.

SPECIAL SATURDAY SALE

At Densmore's 5, 10 and 25 Cent Store.

Will sell a quart and a half granite coffee pot for 15c, worth 25c, for one day only.

Demented Millionaire Dies.

Pierre, S. D., Jan. 26.—Nichol Ireland, a millionaire from Providence, R. I., who became demented six years ago, and has been living north of here, died Thursday, aged 72.

Post Office Robbed.

Kankakee, Ill., Jan. 26.—The post office at Bradley was entered by burglars, the safe blown open and about \$1,400 worth of stamps and \$40 cash taken.

Mother of Empress Dead.

Dresden, Jan. 26.—The dowager duchess of Schleswig-Holstein, mother of Empress Augusta Victoria, who has been suffering from pleurisy, died here.

A Home Event.

Few news items could be of more interest to our readers than a record of the cures which are being effected in our midst by the use of Dr. A. W. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. Backache's kidney aches, headaches, rheumatism, and all the painful results of deranged kidneys are disappearing before the magical influence of Dr. A. W. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. 25 cents, all druggists or Dr. A. W. Chase's Med. Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Free samples for stamp.

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The Christian Church Ladies Will Serve

On account of the farmers' institute which will be held in Benton Harbor next Tuesday and Wednesday, January 30 and 31, the ladies of the Christian church will serve dinner and supper both days in the vacant room just north of Miller's meat market on Pipestone street. All are asked to come and get a good warm meal for 15 cents. 976f

DRIVING THEIR ARMS.

Force of Over 1,000 Men Invade the Capital of Kentucky.

THEY SURROUND THE STATE HOUSE.

Make an Appeal to the Legislature and Give Warning of Impending Peril if the Returns Are Tampered With.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 26.—A special train bearing more than 1,000 men carrying Winchester rifles arrived in Frankfort at 8:30 o'clock Thursday morning. The men hail from the counties of Bell, Allen, Knox, Harlan, Mercer and Edmonson. The men marched to the state house, stacked their guns and took up positions in groups about the buildings.

Adj. Gen. Collier states that he had no knowledge that the men were coming. Many of the visitors are members of the state guards.

The total number arriving on the special train cannot be stated exactly. The train had 17 cars. Ex-Secretary of State Charles Finley addressed the visitors from the steps of the state house. He said the object of the gathering was to see justice done. A committee was appointed to draft resolutions. Stephen Sharp, of Lexington, was chosen chairman. The following resolutions were drafted and presented to the legislature:

"We, Kentucky, here assembled in the name of the people, do hereby declare that the rights of the people of this state are being threatened by the armed forces of the state guard, and we represent to the people of Kentucky, our agents in the legislature, convened, that the government of Kentucky is founded on our authority, and is intended for our peace, safety and happiness and the protection of property, our own and theirs as well as that of the stranger within our gates."

"We petition them, our proxies in the general assembly, to read that there is still hovering over all those things so dear to us and them, and that calmness and prudence and wisdom need be invoked in order that truth and justice may prevail, and we exercise our right of remonstrance against their suffering themselves to be led into the temptations of partisan pride in the crisis which is on us. We beseech them to remember that their own just powers were loaned them by us at the polls and that among those was the jurisdiction to decide judicially and by due process of law and not otherwise, what was then our expressed will, not their present political preference."

"We implore them that they do not on slight or technical pretexts for flimsy or trivial causes permit the subversion of that supreme law of the land, the will of the people."

"We beg of them that they receive from the hands of our messengers and consider and do not spurn or despise this, our earnest address, petition and remonstrance, and that they by their considerate action protect, preserve and promote the safety and welfare, and above all, the honor of Kentucky committed to their keeping. (Signed)

"CHARLES FINLEY,
"DR. THOMAS W. BERRY,
"A. W. KAZOR,
"CLAUDE CHINN."

The armed men, contrary to expectations, on the advice of the republican authorities, left Frankfort at nine o'clock Thursday night. The consensus of opinion here is that the visitors mistook Thursday for the day on which the contest boards were to make their report. The men were an hour getting aboard their train and amused themselves during the delay by discharging their guns. The people of the city gave them a wide berth. They are expected to return when the contest ends.

No Orders Issued.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 26.—Concerning the claim that armed men who went to Frankfort from here were part of the state guard and were under orders, Roger D. Williams, colonel of the Second regiment, said: "Some of these men may be members of the state guard, but no order has been given for their assembling there. All such orders would go through my hands, and none such have been received by me."

Noted Breeder Dead.

Oxford, O., Jan. 26.—David M. Magee died at his home here Thursday, aged 89 years. He originated the famous Poland-China breed of hogs in 1846 and made Ohio famous as a swine-breeding state. Mr. Magee accumulated a big fortune, as his special breed of hogs commanded almost fabulous prices, many being sold for as much as \$100 a head.

Hon. August O. Hyde Arrested.

Marshall, Mo., Jan. 26.—Hon. August O. Hyde, ex-senator and ex-governor of Missouri, who is accused of being a party to the murder of poor old Callahan, a man who counts the special committee which has been investigating the account of county officers discovered a great shortage in the neighborhood of \$100,000, was arrested, charged with embezzlement.

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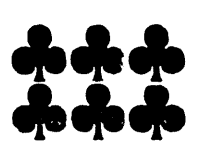
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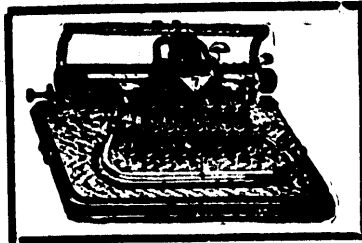
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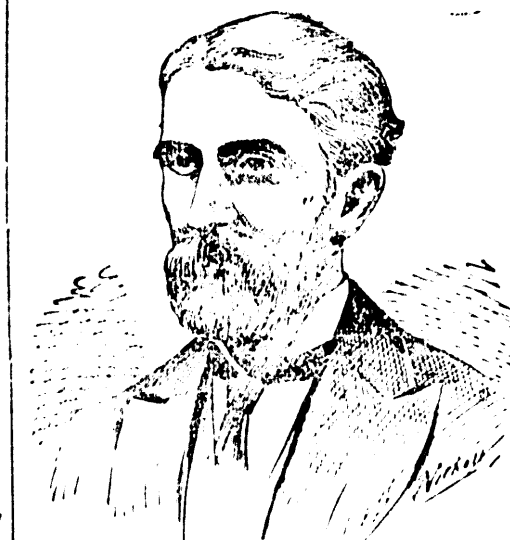
Wisconsin Republicans Think the Gallant Major Would Make a Good Run and, If Elected, a Splendid Official.

Gov. Edward Scofield, of Wisconsin, who has been proposed for vice presidential candidate on the republican national ticket, has all the qualifications usually demanded in "a good man for the place," besides many sterling qualities and abilities which, as vice president, he would not be called upon to show.

Wisconsin's governor, says the Chicago Times-Herald, is one of those men whose all around capacities fit them for almost any station in life. In a career ranging from the humble, though very necessary, position of "printer's devil" in the office of a country newspaper, to that of chief executive of the great state of Wisconsin, Maj. Scofield has always been able to do the right thing at the right time. His political life has been quite brief, but very successful. He never sought an office, but offices have been brought to him, and like the good citizen that he is, he has never refused to serve the people and has always appreciated the honor which he believed was honestly intended to confer on him.

Thus, in 1889, when the people of the Oconto district desired him to come to the capital as the guardian of their interests in the capacity of state senator, he accepted the trust in the spirit that tendered it, and did not refuse to return when he was asked to do so for the next term. In 1891 his friends desired that he should try for governor, and he went before the convention. He was defeated, it is true, but then he received more votes than any other of the unsuccessful candidates, and in 1896 he was nominated and elected and reelected in 1898.

Gov. Scofield has devoted most of his life to business and has been singularly successful in his line. His first attempt at earning a living was in the capaci-



GOV. EDWARD SCOTFIELD.
(Mentioned for the Republican Vice Presidential Nomination.)

ty of helper in an Indiana printing office. Thus he became a "news-pap-er man" at the age of 16. In 1858 young Scofield went to Brookfield, Pa., and there obtained employment as a compositor on the Jeffersonian. In this position, he received the remuneration of \$3.00 a year "and his board." For three years he labored thus, but in 1861 he became one of President Lincoln's 30,000 volunteers. He began as a "listed man" and ended as a major, having won every intermediate rank by his gallantry and devotion to his duty. His sufferings were great, but he has never discussed his army experience except with old comrades, and even with them he is silent about his own performances.

Maj. Scofield did not return to the printer's "bench" after the close of the war. His first work as a civilian was in the way of civil engineering. Coming west, he went to Chicago and was then engaged by Finn Hall as foreman of Hall's mills in Oconto. In 1880 he formed an association with the Marinette Lumber company, and later with George Arnold. These partnerships resulted in the organization of one of the largest lumber concerns in the country. Gov. Scofield has satisfied nearly everybody with his administration of state affairs and should make an acceptable candidate for the vice presidency. Such, at least, is the opinion of a good many republicans in Wisconsin. The governor himself will not discuss the subject. He feels somewhat delicate about expressing himself thereon, owing to the fact that he has taken open issue with the national administration on some features of its Philippine policy, having publicly declared against the United States taking possession of the islands. These views, it is asserted, he has modified since the party attitude on the issue has become more clear.

Aguinaldo's Wife's Earrings.

Earrings worn by the wife of Aguinaldo, the Philippine insurgent, are now in possession of Mrs. T. L. Wells, of Atchison, Kan. Mrs. Wells, who is a transient work connected with the United States mail service in Atchison, said that the earrings which were once used as personal adornments by Mrs. Aguinaldo were sent to her by Lieut. Fred Mares, a friend of the family. The ornaments were secured some time ago, when the wardrobe of Aguinaldo's wife was found by the American soldiers. The earrings are of solid gold and appear to have been cut out of the metal with a die. They are marked off in squares and are much larger than the earrings in use in most civilized countries. They are greatly prized by Mrs. Wells on account of their historic connection.

No Two Finger Prints Alike.
The chance of two finger prints being alike is not one in sixty-four billions.

BY SADIE L. PICKARD.

A GENTLEMAN who spent the winter of 1889 in Minnesota tells the following story of a race on skates—a race for life. Perhaps we cannot do better than to give it in about his own words:

"I had been invited by an uncle to spend the fall and winter at his home in the northern part of Minnesota. My uncle was engaged in lumbering, and partly from a desire to see my friends, and with a view also of ascertaining how I should like the country, and if I liked it and the prospect seemed favorable, to go into the business myself, as my uncle had made me a good offer to do so, I accepted the invitation.

"I had finished my college course that year, and after the long, steady pull at books, the life of freedom and wild sports that pictured itself to me, gave an additional impulse to my resolve to pass the winter with them.

"The family consisted of my uncle, aunt, three daughters, 'all grown up,' and a son, a bright, strong, active boy of 17. Although I was six years his senior, I found him as companionable as one of my own age. An ardent lover of outdoor life and sports, I could not have asked for a better guide or comrade.

"Many was the long tramp we had together, forgetting fatigue, cold and hunger in the excitement of the chase.

"There was one source of amusement to which we were both passionately addicted—skating; and the number of lakes of various sizes in this state, frozen by the intense cold, presented as fine a field to the lovers of this pastime as one could wish.

"One moonlight night—I well remember the date, the twenty-third of December—we started just at the edge of the evening to skate up the river, which glided almost directly past our door.

"A full moon rode in the clear, cloudless sky, where stars twinkled and sparkled like jewels, and every frost-covered tree and shrub twinkled and flashed back a greeting. The broad river, gleaming far ahead, lay like a web of satin bound on either side by the dark forests.

"We had skated on almost in silence for over two miles, when I proposed returning. Frank assented, and we had skated back a short distance when I happened to remember that the girls had asked us to get them some red berries that grew on a shrub in this vicinity for Christmas decorating.

"Reminding Frank of this, we decided it was best to get them then, as the morrow promised to be a busy day, and the girls would want them early that afternoon to commence their decorating with, which they had promised should be unusually fine with our help.

"We retraced our steps about a quarter of a mile, and after a little search found the berries. Selecting the finest branches as best we could by the moonlight, we soon had all we could conveniently carry.

"In turning I accidentally struck my foot against a projecting branch, and in trying to save myself from a fall, sent my berries spinning across the ice.

"Frank burst into a loud laugh at my mishap and awkwardness, in which I joined him, our voices ringing out loud and clear, and echoing back with startling distinctness. I was just stooping to pick up my fallen berries, when a long, low, tremulous sound reached my ear, ending in a prolonged howl.

"'Wolves!' said Frank, at my side, in an instant. 'Quick, look at your skate, the one you struck; see if it is all right. We've got to skate for it now.'

"Hastily examining my skate and finding it secure, we dashed down the river, the trees that lined its shores seeming to fly past as they do when riding on a fast express.

"'They are after us,' said Frank. 'I can't tell how many yet, I don't care to turn my head. Look out for that fissure in the ice a mile ahead here.'

"On we went, every nerve and muscle strained to its uttermost. I could not help thinking if a strap should give way, or I should trip on a stick, or some crevice in the ice.

"Nearer and nearer they came, until we could hear the pattering of their feet on the ice, and every half-minute a yelp told us they were in eager, hot pursuit.

"Doing our uttermost, skating for our lives, as we knew we were, yet they gained on us until we could hear plainly their panting breath.

"'I think—I know—there are but two,' said Frank, who still kept by my side. 'When they get too close, skate after me to the right; and then turn back—they can't turn on the smooth ice.'

"The advice did not come a second too soon, for at that instant the wolves sprang forward, their teeth clashing together in a way that made my heart leap.

"'Now, quick!'

"I followed him, and the wolves, unable to turn on the smooth surface, slipped and sailed far ahead.

"Frank in a few words explained to me that wolves, by the formation of their feet, are unable to run on ice except in a straight line, and that by quickly turning aside whenever they come too near, and then skating back a few yards, we could again turn and dash directly past them. In this way we could gain 75 or 100 yards each turning.

"Had the danger been less great, it would have been a laughable sight to see the two wolves, as we gained round and swept past them, slipping on their haunches and sailing onward, helpless and raging, their white fangs gleaming, as they howled with fury and baffled rage.

"But we did not think of this then. We understood only too well the danger. Four skates faced us for one instant, and we delayed the turn for one instant too long, and those going to the head of our garments came and was over with us.

"At last, in the distance I glimpsed the home light. Would the time ever flow so to the very shore opposite the house? We could not stop to remove our skates. We did not attempt the dash, but only lay in front of the house, should they stop in pursuit.

"'Sag out, Bert,' said Frank, as we drew near. 'We must make them think we sag out with all our strength!'

"And sag out I did, although my breath came quick and panting.

"Fortunately my uncle had stopped down side the door to speak to one of his men. Fortunately, I say, for I doubt if I could have been left to tell this story, but for that.

"Hearing our shouts, they both came forward, and in a glance in the dark night, and revealed our situation.

"We will be with you, boys,' they shouted, as we dashed past, and in a minute were at the bank, armed with good rifles.

"We turned. The wolves sagged, fell and went onward, then regained their footing and came after us, only to receive two ringing shots. One fell, but it took a second shot to stretch the other motionless on the ice.

"As I looked at their shaggy forms and frothing mouths, I felt that life in the west with its wild sports and dangerous adventures, was not so desirable a life, after all."—Golden Days.

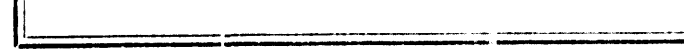


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SOCIETY AND PERSONAL

B. F. Wells is confined to his home by illness.

J. E. Barnes is spending a few days in Chicago.

James Rose has returned from his Canadian trip.

Fred O'Rourke returned from Charlotte last evening.

Miss May Crager of Hartford, is the guest of Mrs. Mary Glavin.

Miss Myrtle Houser of Daly, is the guest of Miss Laverne Searles.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Moore have returned from their Florida trip.

Theodore F. Breet of Marshall Field's is at Enders & Young's today.

J. O. Rowe is expected home tomorrow from Havana, Cuba, with the remains of the late Robert Spink.

Mrs. J. A. L. Romig and two children left today for Marion, Indiana, for a week's visit with Mr. Romig, who is there conducting evangelistic services.

Watervliet correspondence of Coloma Courier: Miss Mabelle Berringer will visit her sister, Miss Sarah, at Three Oaks, then Miss Lola at Benton Harbor and lastly home to see her parents. From here she will go to Chicago to begin her work with Edson, Keith & Co.

The Daughters of Ossoli will meet with Mrs. James Kakabee on Lincoln street tomorrow afternoon.

The ladies of the Fairplain reading circle held a pleasant reception at the home of Mrs. J. H. Watson on Napier avenue, Tuesday, January 23, in honor of her niece, Mrs. C. G. Beckwith of western New York and Mrs. Hagaman who soon leaves for California. The house was prettily decorated with cut flowers. An elaborate dinner was served at 1 o'clock.

Miss Myrta Warren entertains the senior class of the high school and also the faculty this evening.

About thirty couples attended the Miami dancing party last evening at Conkey's hall. The music by Null's orchestra was exceptionally fine.

Miss Grace Poole entertained about 25 of her friends at a 1 o'clock luncheon yesterday. Music and a guessing game constituted the amusement for the afternoon. Mrs. Kakabee won the prize in the guessing contest. A three-course luncheon was served.

Last evening the committees from the R. C. C. the N. S. and the P. W. W. M. clubs held a meeting at Mrs. Leeland Townsend's residence in St. Joseph with the following results. A joint meeting was agreed upon for February 8, to be held in the Macabee hall in St. Joseph. The hours between 8:30 and 10:30 to be devoted to cards and the remainder of the evening to dancing.

Two committees were appointed, a table and a reception committee.

The table committee are the Misses Edna Kessler and Bertha Foeltz from the R. C. C.; Mrs. Walter Saunders and Harriet Gano from the P. W. W. M. and the Misses Edna Fortin and Cora Price from the N. S. club.

Those to act on the reception committee are: Miss Mattie Breece and Clayton Niles, from the P. W. W. M.; Dudley Wallace and Lucy Marti, from the R. C. C.; and Kate Freund and Leeland Townsend, from the N. S. club. Arrangements have been made to secure Miss Ethel Green to furnish music for the dancing and to secure Mrs. Sauerbier to cater for the lunch. There are fifty-two members in the three clubs and they are about equally divided from the twin cities. The clubs are anticipating a grand social time.

The Crickets held a very interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. Harper, January 22. The subject for the afternoon was the Holy land. An able paper was read by Mrs. Romig entitled "A Trip Through Palestine." "The Jews in Jerusalem" was also a topic discussed. Music for the afternoon was furnished by Mrs. Christopher and Misses Edmunds and Plimpton. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Christopher next Monday afternoon.

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IN BENTON HARBOR.

Senator Burrows Would Like to See Building of War Ships.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Senator Burrows is much interested in the possibilities opened by Mr. Hamilton's discovery that Lake Michigan is not affected by the anti-warship treaty of 1817. He says:

"I regard this as a most important matter, and one into which the most careful and thorough investigation should be made because of the magnitude of the interests involved. If Michigan ship builders can bid on small war craft I do not see why our people should not get every contract, or else force the Atlantic and Pacific yards to do the work for the government at very reasonable prices compared with those now ruling. We are now doing more or less shipbuilding in western Michigan, at Benton Harbor, South Haven, Grand Haven and Ludington, and at Muskegon we have foundries with large capacity and unlimited room for expansion. If we should secure government contracts we could develop important plants and who knows but we may ultimately capture the armor plate plant of which there has been so much discussion.

"The construction of small warships on Lake Michigan would be an ideal arrangement in case we were at war with any foreign power, for while our tidewater shipyards might be at the mercy of a great naval power, we could turn out torpedo boats, gunboats, cutters and other light craft on Lake Michigan without the slightest fear of an enemy. Chicago, Milwaukee, Manitowoc, Racine and other towns on the other side of the lake would also be greatly benefited should it be decided that the agreement of 1817 does not relate to Lake Michigan."

SCHOOL NEWS.

Miss Cronan, of Chicago, met the teachers of the city schools last evening and met them again this afternoon and will meet them Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. She is visiting the teachers today. Her visit here will be of great benefit to the teachers along the line of reading.

Miss Grace McGraw is ill today and Miss Gilson acted as substitute.

ST. JOSEPH.

Miss Stella Winchester is confined to her home by illness.

The Twentieth Century club met with Mrs. J. N. Bort last evening. Dainty refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ricay.

The G. Y. M. A. band of St. Joseph, assisted by several professionals, will give a concert and dance in Martin's Academy of Music next Monday evening. The band is under the direction of Prof. Armstrong.

"Scotty," a ship carpenter, who has lived in this city for 15 years past, was found in a destitute and almost helpless condition yesterday in an old house on the beach. The poor fellow's hands have been frozen and he is a fit subject for charity.

Coloma Courier: Julius Burkhardt of Benton Harbor was in town Wednesday incidentally in the interest of the large tract of timber owned by Burkhardt Brothers in the Sinkler school district in North Coloma and contiguous to the proposed extension of the Coloma & Paw Paw Lake railway to Toquon on the South Haven & Eastern line. A sawmill is already in operation, lumber is being manufactured and large quantities of wood sent to market.

Will Serve Supper.

The R. N. of A. will serve a supper, Wednesday evening, January 31, in Modern Woodman hall. Menu, sandwiches, doughnuts, cake, cheese, pickles, celery and coffee. Every ticket entitles holder to one chance on a beautiful worsted quilt to be given away that evening. Tickets 15 cents. Supper 5 to 8. 10015

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DANCING DOLLS.

Feature At Entertainment by Holy Trinity Young Ladies.

The young ladies of Holy Trinity church will give one of their popular entertainments Monday evening, February 12, at Conkey's hall. The entertainment will be in charge of Mrs. Arthur Prescott, who has secured Harris' famous Parisian dancing dolls, Evelyn and Ursula, for that evening. The entire program to be announced later. Dancing after the program. 9814

Why Work in the Dark?

A housekeeper, who ignores the fact that cooking in all its branches is making long strides, might as well shut out the light of day from her kitchen and try to prepare her meals in the dark. How much there is to learn in the very rudiments of cooking, especially pastry cooking will be shown Friday and Saturday at Morrow & Stone's store, also at J. T. Owens', where a scientific pastry cook will demonstrate the value to every household of None Such food specialties. It is scientific cooking, to be sure, and of pastry cooking exclusively, but at the same time it is simplicity itself. Beginners and experts can learn something at these demonstrations. They are free. Monday and Tuesday they will be at J. C. Calkins and H. T. Hall's; Wednesday and Thursday Herr Bros. and A. H. Rowe's.

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July.....	68 1/2	69 1/2	68 3/4	68 3/4	67 1/2

Corn—	Open's	High	Low	Close	Yest
May.....	33 1/2	34 1/2	33 3/4	33 3/4	33 1/2
July.....	33 1/2	34 1/2	33 3/4	33 3/4	33 1/2

Oats—	Open's	High	Low	Close	Yest
May.....	23 1/2	24 1/2	23 3/4	23 3/4	23 1/2
July.....	22 1/2	23 1/2	22 3/4	22 3/4	22 1/2

Closing prices on the board today: May pork \$10.82 lard \$6.02 ribs \$5.82a.

There are more Blickensulfer typewriters used in Benton Harbor than any other. 1001f

MOTHER HUBBARD UP TO DATE

Capt. James McDonald Enters the Field of Letters.

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Entertainment by German Society.

The German Arbeiter society of this city will give an entertainment followed by a dance on the evening of February 5 at Conkey's hall. The program will be announced later. 981f

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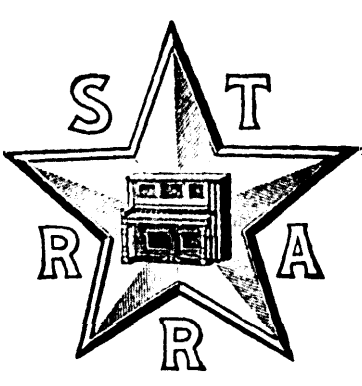
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